

1860-1910

**POWERS-TAYLOR
DRUG COMPANY**Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary
by Purchasing Stock, Good Will
and Records of the Old**ESTABLISHED FIRM
OF PURCELL, LADD & CO.**History of Mammoth Drug House.
A Part of the History of Rich-
mond—Fifty Years of Use-
fulness—Twentieth
Century Ideas Linked
With Old Age.To-day the Powers-Taylor Drug
Company celebrates its fiftieth anni-
versary by becoming the owners, by
purchase of the stock, good will and
records of the seventy-year-old whole-
sale drug firm of Purcell, Ladd & Co.The history of the Powers-Taylor
Drug Company is a part of the history
of Richmond.The business was established at the
corner of Fifteenth and Main Streets,
in the year 1860, by the late R. W.
Powers, he having bought out the then
old firm of Gaynor & Wood, the latter
of whom was the father of Dr. Judson
B. Wood. Previous to embarking in
business on his own account, Mr. Powers
had been a clerk in the even then old
establishment of Purcell, Ladd &
Company, where his experience of
many years made him an expert in his
line. It is a little curious that now
after many years of usefulness and
prosperity, the house established by
Mr. Powers becomes the purchaser of
the good will and stock of the older
house which he served so well.The house of Powers was but a little
more than a year old when the war
came on, and the difficulties of con-
ducting the business in those trying
times would have driven a less deter-
mined man wild, but all during the
war Mr. Powers persevered. On the
3d of April, 1865, when the evacua-
tion conflagration came, nearly all of
Richmond's wholesale and retail drug
stores were burned, but Mr. Powers
building escaped the flames. Two
days later, Mr. Powers having ob-
tained a special permit from the Fed-
eral authorities, reopened his store at
the corner of Fifteenth and Main
Streets, and continued in business
without interruption until his death,
April 26, 1907. In August, 1867, how-
ever, the store was removed from the
old stand to the present quarters, 1305**POWERS-TAYLOR DRUG COMPANY,**SUCCESSORS TO-AND
PURCHASERS OF STOCK,
GOOD WILL
AND RECORDS
OF THE OLD ESTABLISHED
FIRM OF
PURCELL, LADD & CO.

ESTABLISHED IN 1860.

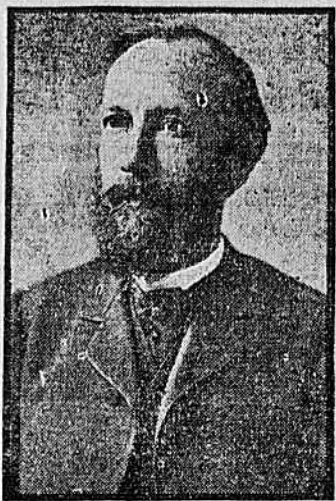
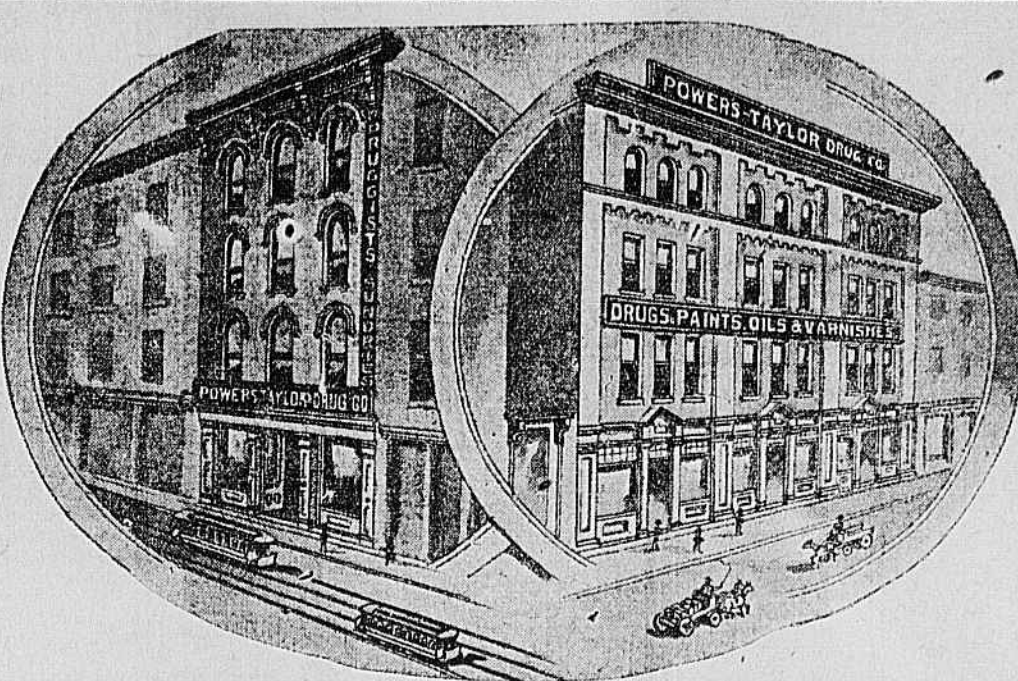
INCORPORATED IN 1890

Wholesale Druggists

IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF

Druggists' Sundries and Fancy Goods,

1305 East Main Street—Nos. 9, 11, 13 South Thirteenth Street, RICHMOND, VA.

R. W. POWERS,
Founder of the House.East Main Street, which extends
through to South Thirteenth Street,
taking in Nos. 9, 11 and 13. This
immense four-story building gives the
company ample facilities and perhaps
more floor room than any wholesale
drug house in the South.In 1865, Edgar D. Taylor entered
the employment of Mr. Powers as
clerk, and served as such for seven
years, when he was admitted as a part-
ner; the firm name being changed from
R. W. Powers & Co., Mr. Taylor being the company.
In 1890 the concern was incorporated,
taking the name it now bears, Powers-
Taylor Drug Company. Mr. Powers
was elected president, Mr. Taylor,
vice-president, and Robert Lee Pow-
ers secretary and treasurer. After the
death of Mr. Powers in 1907, Mr. Tay-
lor became president of the company;
Robert L. Powers, vice-president,
and P. H. Powers, secretary and treas-
urer, and this is the official force of
to-day.By strict attention to business, and
by meeting the wants of the trade, as
times and new conditions varied, the
tastes of the people, the old house has
always kept young, and now having
bought the good will, stock and rec-
ords of the older house, it becomes
one of the oldest and strongest whole-
sale drug houses in the South.Powers-Taylor and Purcell, Ladd &
Co. are household words all over the
South. Now, as the successor of theROBT. LEE POWERS,
Vice-President.oldest, this drug house, imbued as it
is with twentieth century energy,
offers its services in better condition to
meet all of the demands of the trade.**An
Announcement**We beg to announce that to-day
will be the 50th anniversary of our
house. At the same time we wish
to call attention to our purchase
of the stock, good will and records
of the old establishment of Pur-
cell, Ladd & Company, of this
city, so well and favorably known.To our old friends we wish to
acknowledge our grateful appre-
ciation of their patronage in the
past, and by our enlarged stock
and increased facilities, we hope
to merit the continuance of same.To the patrons of the retiring
firm, whom we have not had the
pleasure of serving, we earnestly
ask for the opportunity to supply
your wants, assuring you that we
will endeavor to give the same con-
sideration and courtesies that have
always made the old firm of Purcell,
Ladd & Company so popular.Wishing all the friends of the
oldest drug houses in the
South, a happy and prosperous
New Year, and that we will have
the pleasure of hearing from themP. H. POWERS,
Secretary and Treasurer.when in want of anything in our
line, we are,
Respectfully,
POWERS-TAYLOR DRUG CO.

1840-1910

**PURCELL, LADD & CO.
GO OUT OF BUSINESS**Oldest Wholesale Drug House in
the South Succeeded by the
Next Oldest.**HISTORY OF GRAND
OLD LANDMARK.**Seventy Years of Activity—Wea-
thered the Storms of War, and
Phoenix-like, Rose from
the Ashes of Richmond's
Evacuation Disaster to
Continue Business.To-day the old establishment of
Purcell, Ladd & Company goes out
of existence, the Powers-Taylor Drug
Company having purchased the stock,
good will and records of that concern
which has been in business in Rich-
mond for seventy years.Away back yonder in 1840, John
Purcell, father of Col. John B. Purcell,
President of the First National Bank,
with his brother, James P. Purcell and
B. F. Ladd, embarked in the whole-
sale drug business in this city, and es-
tablished a firm which in time became
a household word all over Virginia
and the Carolinas. They first opened
business at Fourteenth and Main
Streets, and continued to do a great
business there for 19 years. In 1859
the firm moved to 14th and Main
Streets, where the Postal Telegraph
Company now has its offices.During the troublous war times the
business was almost suspended, and
then in 1865, when the big building in
which the old firm did business was
reduced to ashes and the remaining
stock consumed, it looked as if the old-
time firm had been wiped out; but the
men composing it were not built that
way. Within a year the old firm
opened up again with renewed vigor.
In 1868 Col. John B. Purcell, the son
of the founder of the house, was ad-
mitted as a partner, and threw his
youthful energy into the business. In
1881 James P. Purcell died; in 1887
Mr. Ladd passed away, and in 1894
John Purcell, the founder of the house,
passed hence. Col. John B. Purcell
inherited the business, and the firm
name, and he never changed the name.
In 1897 Thomas W. Purcell, son of
Colonel Purcell, became a partner,
and in 1904, when Colonel Purcell re-
tired from the business, Thomas W.
became sole manager. Since that
date the young man has conducted the
business, and conducted it well.
The house of Purcell, Ladd & Co.
is probably the only concern in Vir-
ginia, perhaps the only one in all of
the South, that did business so long
as seventy years and never changed
the firm name. There is not another
such case on record. It is likely that
there is not a town or a hamlet in Vir-
ginia that has not done business with
the old firm of Purcell, Ladd & Co.**Four Stories
Fronting on
Two Streets.
Immense
Stock to
Select From.
Large and
Competent
Force
to Fill All
Orders
Promptly.****With Larger Stock, More Men, Greater Capital, and More Room, We Are Better Prepared Than Ever Before to Serve Our
Customers Throughout the South.****POWERS-TAYLOR DRUG CO., Inc.****PETITIONS FILED
IN BANKRUPTCY**DANVILLE, VA., December 31.—A.
Roakes, a former merchant, and re-
cently a clerk in a store of Swan-
sonville, filed a petition in voluntary
bankruptcy. The schedule of liabilities
lists a secured claim of \$500 to
J. J. Motley, who has a deed of truston A. Roakes's real estate at Swan-
sonville. The unsecured claims ag-
gregate \$1,194.49, due principally to
Danville merchants, with the exception
of \$700 borrowed money, due the peti-
tioner's father. No assets are re-
ported.Proceedings in involuntary bank-
ruptcy have been filed by the creditors
of L. D. Holland, a merchant at States-
ville. The suit was filed by Swan-
son Bros. & Co., the Lynchburg Shoe Co.,
and the Burr Manufacturing Co., whose
claims aggregate about \$377. The peti-
tioners represent that Frank Guerrant,
a creditor, recently levied on Hol-
land's stock of goods for a debt of
\$1,400.

Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings

have been filed by Z. V. Johnson & Co.,
Mahan & Tyree and Swanson Bros. &
Co. against A. C. Pruitt, a former mer-
chant at Vanoona. Pruitt's store was
recently burned out, and his creditors
represent that he received \$1,750 in-
surance. Of this amount they claim
about \$1,000 to his father, and
\$750, the amount of a note due the
American National Bank.Lucius V. Cargo, a negro boy about
fourteen years of age, was caught last
night about 9 o'clock by Watchman
Brightwell, of the Schoolfield Mills, in
the act of robbing the store of the
Park Place Mercantile Company. The
boy was sliding down a pipe from the
second-story window when detected by
the watchman. He had in his pocket
seven rings, several packs of chewing
gum and other articles, which he had
taken from the store. An investigation
showed that he had piled up a quan-
tity of meat, gum, coffee, etc. in front
of a cat-hole at the rear door, and
had a sack ready to carry off the
stolen property. The theory is that
the boy concealed himself in the base-
ment of the store when it was locked
up last night.M. O. Nelson, proprietor of Acres's
Warehouse, who was assaulted Mon-
day night at his old home, Nelson,
Mecklenburg county, by Fred Thum-
mer, is reported to be getting along nicely
in letters received by friends here to-
day. Mr. Nelson was struck over the
head with a club and then shot in
his stomach. The bullet, however, in-
flicted only a slight flesh wound.**SALE OF DISMAL SWAMP LANDS.**Six Tracts Aggregating 44,000 Acres
Transferred—River Frozen Over.[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SHELTON, VA., December 31.—Six
tracts of land in the Dismal Swamp,
aggregating 44,000 acres, to-day were
sold by William N. Camp and wife, of
Ocala, Fla., to the Camp Manufacturing
Company, of Franklin, Va. The price
named is \$5 and other valuable
considerations. Some of the land was
granted by the Commonwealth of Vir-
ginia to Nathaniel and William Nel-
son in 1781. The largest tract, "Wash-
ington Entry," contains 10,000 acres.
Other portions sold were "The Dismal
Plantation," "New Patent," "Paradise,"
"Robinson and Rawles tracts."The property is valuable chiefly for
the timber and the romantic and his-
toric associations. The bears, deer,
wildcats and other jungle beasts may
be accounted assets, not to speak of
millions of snakes.
Nansemond River is frozen, and the
old Dominion steamer Virginia Dare
is tied up at her wharf, but expects to
resume runs Monday. Small lakes
nearly are alive with skaters, who are
getting their first sport of the season.
Owing to the growing popularity of
elopements, the number of marriage
licenses issued here during 1909 was
only 229. Notwithstanding the increase
in population, the local wedding were
fewer than for any year since 1902.**LIQUOR WAREHOUSE ROBBED.**Cool Spring Distilling Company Loses
About 700 Gallons.DANVILLE, VA., December 31.—
News was received here to-night that
the warehouse of the Cool Spring Dis-
tilling Company, near Patrick Springs,
Va., was entered during the past weekand about 700 gallons of liquor stolen.
Deputy Collector Floyd Gray returned
from Patrick yesterday, having gone
up to make an investigation.The building was entered by drawing
the staple which secures the govern-
ment lock on the door, and the con-
tents of eighteen barrels were ab-
stracted and made away with. It is
believed that the government officers
have a clue which will eventually re-
sult in convicting the guilty persons.**TO CONNECT THE COAL FIELDS.**Electric Car System Planned by South-
west Virginia Operators.[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, VA., December 31.—R.
Tate Irvine, lawyer and coal operator
in Wise county, Va., tells of a plan
of the coal operators and others of
Southwest Virginia to join the towns
of the Southwest Virginia mining re-
gion by a system of electric railway.
Mr. Irvine states that it has been
demonstrated that it is entirely prac-
ticable to harness coke gas to gener-
ate electricity for power. It is pro-
posed to harness this power, which is
now going to waste, and turn it to
account to operate a street car systemin the coal fields. An experiment
made with forty-two coke ovens has
demonstrated that that number of coke
ovens develop gas sufficient to gen-
erate electricity to the extent of 1,200
horse-power. The operators would
therefore be at practically no expense
for power to operate electric cars.**POSITION IN SOUTH AMERICA.**Radford Boy Appointed Head of Entom-
ological Department in Argentina.RADFORD, VA., December 31.—Ar-
thur Rosenfeld, son of J. Rosenfeld, of
this place, has received a position
as the head of the Entomological De-
partment of the Argentine Republic,
and will sail for South America in
March. Meanwhile he will go abroad,
visiting the British Isles and various
European countries, and touching in
Africa and Asia.Mr. Rosenfeld is twenty-three years
of age. He graduated from Virginia
Polytechnic Institute in 1904, taking
his M. S. degree the following year,
since which time he has been an as-
sistant State entomologist of Louisi-
ana.Mr. Rosenfeld, after spending two
weeks at home, is now in Boston at-
tending a scientific convention, at
which he was scheduled for a lecture.**WANT CHANGE IN RATE.**Complaint of East Tennessee Coal
Operators to Be Heard in Knoxville.[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, VA., December 31.—It is
understood that the complaint of the
coal operators of East Tennessee, in
which they seek to either have a re-
duction in the rate to all Southern points
reduced as to the products of their own
mines or increased as to the products
of the Virginia mines, will be heard
in Knoxville, Tenn., soon, when a re-
presentative of the Interstate Com-
merce Commission will hold a court
of inquiry. The Virginia operators
held a meeting here recently, and per-
fected arrangements to resist the pur-
poses of the Tennessee operators. The
Tennessee claim, it is said, that the
Virginia coal is so much easier mined
than that in the Tennessee district
that it will be necessary to give the
Tennessee district a much more favor-
able freight rate if they operate the
mines at a profit. It is expected that
much evidence will be taken in the
case.**HOT WATER HEATER BURSTS.**Young Woman Injured and Stone
Blown Into Atmosphere.[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., December 31.—
Miss Grace Pusey, daughter of C. B.
Pusey, of Spencer, was slightly in-
jured and a stove range was demol-
ished very early this morning when
the family was preparing the morning
meal. The kitchen was also badly
torn up and a hole blown in the ceil-
ing by the bursting of a heater in
the stove. The explosion was caused
by building a fire in the range, in
which was located a hot water heater.
The pipes on either side of the coil
were frozen, and when the water in
the coil began to boil the pipe blew
up, wrecking the kitchen. The stove
was blown into atoms and the familyhad a narrow escape. The fire was
soon extinguished.**ENGINEER LOSES HIS LIFE.**Either Jumped or Fell From His Cab
and Met Instant Death.[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., December 31.—En-
gineer James L. Davis, of Spencer,
was instantly killed near Glen Alpine,
on the western division of the South-
ern Railway, to-day, by either jumping
or falling from his engine. It is said
that something went wrong with the
locomotive, and Mr. Davis is supposed
to have jumped with the hope of sav-
ing his life, but met instant death by
the fall on the frozen ground. He left
town being without a fire company
Spencer last night for Asheville on
water protection.

Three Houses Destroyed by Fire.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPENCER, N. C., December 31.—Fi-

of an unknown origin destroyed three
dwellings in East Spencer last night,
entailing a loss of about \$3,000, with
about one-half that amount in in-
surance. The blaze started in the
house of John Shaw, and soon raz-
ed the three buildings to the ground,
town being without a fire company
Spencer last night for Asheville on
water protection.**Christmas Holiday Rates**

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in the Right Way.**Buy your Ice Cream, Cakes, Pies, Bread and Pastries
from the leading dealer. Our catering department is
up-to-the-minute in every respect. Mail orders re-
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the South, and one of the foremost in the United
States. We esteem highly the confidence reposed in
us by the many thousands of valued patrons, and ex-
press our thanks therefor. We shall endeavor to merit
your patronage in the future, as in the past, by main-
taining the highest standard of excellence in all de-
partments, and rendering the best possible service.
Our good wishes to one and all for a happy and pros-
perous New Year.**The S. Galeski Optical Company**Main and
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Third**S. T. Beveridge & Co.**
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